

circulated over the four quarters of the globe; after having obtained two Acts of Parliament authorizing its erection; after having actually commenced the structure, and expended upon it 15,000*l.*; after all this, it is no wonder that strangers, and our neighbours of England, should sneer at it as an emblem of our pride, presumption, and inconstancy. In short, we have raised a monument, not to the glory and honour of our country, but to its disrepute and reproach, and that on a site so elevated and conspicuous, as to strike the eye of every stranger who visits our metropolis, whether he enters the city from the south, north, east, or west. All strangers and foreigners of taste, it is true, admire this modern ruin more than any other structure in the city. But no sooner do they learn its history, than they express their wonder and surprise that the people of Scotland, more especially those of the capital, should be so dead to all sense of national glory and patriotism—so devoid of all taste for the fine arts, as not to complete the monument.

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NOTES IN THE PROVINCES.

Ipswich.—The new building for the Ipswich Grammar School is to be handed over to the head master by the mayor and corporation on the 1st July.

Gravesend.—St. James's Church, Gravesend, erected on a site at the western entrance of the town, the gift of the Earl of Darley, was consecrated on Friday week. It contains 827 sittings, 627 free. Its total cost is 3,400*l.* towards which the Church Building Commissioners granted 300*l.* and the Church Building Society, 480*l.* A deficiency of 800*l.* still remains to be supplied by private subscriptions.

Southampton.—From an advertisement in the *Hampshire Advertiser*, it appears that the local board of health are wanting a loan of 20,000*l.* to enable them to proceed with the necessary works for the sewerage of the town.

Wilton.—It is proposed, according to the *Wilton Mirror*, to light this place with gas by pipes from Salisbury. A correspondent of the *Mirror*, however, advises the erection of a gas-work at Wilton itself, as costing less than a continuation of pipe, &c. from Salisbury.

Worcester.—The new market-house recently built has a span roof something in the style of the transept of the Crystal Palace; but as only the central portion was required to be of glass, the sides have been filled up with corrugated iron. The side aisles scarcely correspond, it is said, with the centre, and the appearance of the building, it is thought, would have been improved, if, instead of stalls down the middle of it, there had been a central aisle, as in the old house. The architect was Mr. Armstrong, of Bristol, and the contractors, Messrs. Wallburton and Walker, of London. The east front, facing the shambles, has four entrances, as well as several fish-stalls. The stalls down the middle of the building will be devoted to the sale of fruit, poultry, &c. The painting of the whole is deferred for the present.

Fekesham.—The lay-proprietor, Mr. E. V. Neale, has given orders for the rebuilding of the chancel of the parish church, which, in addition to disfigurement, is in a dilapidated and almost dangerous condition. The walls are of great thickness, but they bulge out threateningly in various places. The architect entrusted with the work is Mr. Butterfield. Such of the features of the present chancel as belong to its original conception will be copied in the new work, and particularly some characteristic lancet windows. The roof, which will be pitched a trifle more sharply than at present, will be open, with framed principals, the timbers being dressed, stained, and varnished. This will give room for an east window of the full proportionate dimensions. About one-half of the chancel will contain oaken benches, the other half will be kept clear of seats to make room for the communion table and approach to the altar rails. The floor of the chancel will be paved with encaustic tiles, interspersed with Yorkshire stone. Whilst the work is in progress the chancel arch will be bricked up. The stone to be used will be

from the Fekesham quarries, and the work is to be performed by Mr. Robinson, of Baddisley, whose men have already commenced operations. A local paper suggests that the parishioners, as a next and early movement, should take down the brickwork which blocks up the arch between the nave and tower, and obstructs the view of a good window in the west side of the latter.

Dorchester.—The restoration of the old Abbey Church of Dorchester is resumed. The builder is now engaged, under the direction of the architect last named, in restoring and cleaning portions of the stone work, and in reflooring and seating that portion of the church now used for Divine service. It is also in contemplation to raise the pitch of a portion of the roof to the height of that of the eastern extremity. Great interest has been taken in the restoration of this church by the Oxford Architectural Society, under whose direction, and by whose aid the east end of the chancel roof was raised to its original height, the windows of the Sacrament restored, and much important work effected. What is now in progress, it seems, was greatly needed.

Cheltenham.—The new Highbury Chapel for Congregationalists, in Winchomb-street, was opened on Tuesday week. It is calculated to seat 1,200 persons, including 300 school children and 100 free poor. The building is of Decorated Gothic architecture. The facade consists of three porches opening en suite, and thence connected with the three aisles. The roof is Queen-post, with the tie-beam fixed some distance up the principal rafters. This ceiling is divided into eight panels or compartments, intersected by Gothic ribs, and supported by pendants. The roof itself consists of timber and iron framings, the latter having been constructed and carried out by Messrs. Fox and Henderson. The ventilation connected with the roof was designed and carried out by Mr. George Freeman, and is so arranged that the denser atmospheric air cannot prevent the ascent and escape of the more rarefied air from the interior. The heating apparatus has been carried out by Mr. Mallory, and is somewhat similar to that at Cheltenham College, the object being to impart uniform heat, without dryness. The pulpit is of Riga-oak, carved by Mr. Elliot, and is much larger than the pulpits recently erected in neighbouring places of worship. It is arranged with gutta serena tubes connected with pews appropriated to persons labouring under deafness. To meet the convenience of divided pews, a narrow aisle has been introduced.

"The striking peculiarity of this chapel," says the *Cheltenham Free Press* in describing it, "is, that whilst it is in strict accordance with the best ecclesiastical models, there are no obstructions either to sight or sound, thus deferring to the utilitarian views of the age, rather than to the elaborate designs of pillar and other grand obstructions, so prevalent in a previous age." The interior is entirely surrounded by galleries, the eastern end being occupied as a singing gallery and organ-loft, a recess exactly adapted to the size required having been constructed for that purpose. The predilection in favour of lead lights is said to have prevented the intended use of ground plate-glass throughout the windows of the church. The whole has been carried out from the designs of Mr. S. Onley, jun. architect, without the assistance of a professional clerk of works, Mr. George Freeman having carried out the intentions of the architect. At the back of the pulpit has been placed a new organ erected by Messrs. Andrews and Foster, of Hull, and consisting of a great organ, and choir organ; the great organ being enclosed in a large swell box, producing a double effect. It contains: 1, Bourdon; 2, Tenoroon; 3, Open Diapason; 4, Viola di Gamba; 5, Stop Diapason, Bass; 6, Stop Diapason, Treble; 7, Principal; 8, 15th; 9, 15th; 10, Twelfth; 11, Sequintra; 12, Horn; 13, Hautboy. The choir organ contains: 1, Open Diapason; 2, Stop Diapason; 3, Clarabella; 4, Principal; 5, Wald Flute; 6, 15th. In addition to which it is prepared to receive a Dulciana and Cromorn in the choir organ, and Double Open Diapason from a.c.t. 18 feet on the pedals.

Weymouth.—The church of Holy Trinity, recently erected, was consecrated on Tuesday in last week. It is situated in a new district formed in the district of St. Paul. The site has been given by the Tredggar Wharf Company and Sir Charles Morgan, bart. For the erection of the church, the district is mainly indebted to the exertions of Mr. S. Homfray, the principal of the firm just mentioned, who also supplied the heating apparatus and bell for the church, laid out the ground round it, and provided the iron fence railings. The style of the building is Early English, of the twelfth century. It consists of a nave, north and south aisles, a chancel, tower, and vestry. The nave is 70 feet long, 24 feet 6 inches wide, 24 feet high to the square, and 37 feet high to the ridge board of the roof. The aisles are each 70 feet long, 14 feet 6 inches wide, 24 feet high to the square, and 35 feet high to the ridge-board of the roof. The chancel is 18 feet deep and 16 feet wide, 22 feet high to the square, and 32 feet high to the ridge board of the roof. The tower is 18 feet square, and 73 feet high. There are 545 sittings, 301 free. Accommodation is also provided for 96 children. The cost of building amounted to about 2,500*l.* of which about 500*l.* remain undrayed. The architect was Mr. J. H. Langdon.

Liscard.—On Tuesday week, the Roman Catholic Bishop of Shrewsbury laid the foundation stone of a new Catholic chapel at Liscard. The new building will be close beside the small old church. It will be 96 feet long by 45 feet wide, and be capable of containing 700 persons. The style of architecture is the Ornamented Gothic of the twelfth century. It will have a tower and steeple 120 feet high. Messrs. Eyre and Hansom, of Liverpool, are the architects.

Bridgeforth.—The mains for supplying this town with water are being laid down in the streets. The engine-house, reservoir, shaft, &c. are progressing.

Bilston.—The plans of Mr. Bidlake, of Wolverhampton, architect, have been selected for the town-hall, and those of Messrs. Aahpial and Whieboord, of London, for the baths and wash-houses about to be erected here. The estimated cost of each building is rather more than 2,000*l.* The town-hall (which will be in the Italian style of architecture) will embrace, on the ground floor, rooms for the accommodation of the Town Commissioners, the Literary and Scientific Institution, and offices. On the first floor there will be a large room for public purposes, together with committee rooms, cloak-room, and rooms for the hall-keeper. The building will be erected on a part of the Market-place fronting Church-street. There will be an entrance into the market through a large archway in the centre of the building. The baths and washhouses (the architecture of which will also be Italian) are to be erected in Hall-street, and will consist of first and second class private baths, a plunge bath, rooms for the bath-keeper, and washhouses for the working classes.

Ashton.—Another new mill, erected by Messrs. Thomas Mason and Sons, has just been completed here so far as the building is concerned. It is 254 feet long, by 47 feet wide, and six stories high, and is uniform with the one erected some time ago by the same firm, both on land between Ashton old road, leading to Guide-bridge and the canal. Mr. Bellhouse was the architect, and Messrs. Sigley the contractors. The workmen, about fifty, engaged on the work, were treated to a dinner by the Messrs. Mason; Mr. Michael Coffey, foreman of the works, in the chair.

Lockfield.—It has been unanimously resolved at a vestry meeting in St. Mary's Church, that Mr. Gorton, builder, be instructed by the churchwardens to give an estimate of the cost of doing the repairs necessary to the tower and body of the church, and that another meeting be convened to take that estimate into consideration.

Doncaster.—The first stone of a new gas tank was laid on Monday week at the corporation gas works.

Blackburn.—It is believed that the local Peel Monument Committee will resume an